

REMARKS

Claims 1-44, 46-62, 64-66, and 68-77 are pending in the application. Claims 60 and 64-66 have been amended, claims 45, 63, and 67 have been canceled, and claims 70-77 have been added. Support for the amendments can be found, e.g., in original claims 60-66, and in the specification at page 13, line 14, to page 14, line 21. These amendments add no new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

At pages 1 and 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-44, 46-59, 68, and 69 are allowed. In addition, the Examiner stated that claims 63-66 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As detailed herein, claims 63-66 have been rewritten in independent form to place them in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st Paragraph

On pages 2-7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 60-62 as allegedly not enabled. Although applicants do not agree with the rejection, in order to facilitate the conclusion of prosecution of the present application, applicants have amended the claims to incorporate the limitations of original claim 60 into individual claims reciting the subject matter of each of original claims 63-65. As detailed in the section above, the Examiner has stated that such amendments will render the claims allowable. In addition, as discussed with the Examiner in a telephone conversation on April 16, 2003, claim 66 has been amended (and claim 75 has been added) to recite the administration limitations contained in original claims 63 and 65. Original claim 66, though objected to under the same heading with claims 63-65, did not depend from a rejected base claim.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to the canceled subject matter in a separate continuation application.

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Information Disclosure Statement

Enclosed with the present response to Final Office Action are the following: Request for Continued Examination; Information Disclosure Statement; form PTO-1449; and a copy of a reference cited on the form. Applicants request that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 with the next action.